

CAREER INTERN – ANNOUNCEMENT

The United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Minnesota has periodic openings for positions as **Soil Scientist**.

NRCS is a federal agency that works with local soil and water conservation districts to encourage and assist people in conserving the Nation's resources. Our programs are aimed at reducing erosion, improving and maintaining water quality, protecting wildlife, and promoting sustainable land use.

We are looking for quality individuals with good communication skills who are graduating, or have graduated, from baccalaureate or graduate programs with a major in Soil Science or a closely related discipline which included the specific semester hour requirements as stated in the qualifications standard. The academic requirements for Soil Scientist (GS-470) positions can be found at <http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/SEC-IV/B/GS0400/0470.htm>

All selected candidates will be assigned to a trainee position at a USDA Service Center in Minnesota. Candidates must be willing to work at any location in the State, and will normally be relocated (at government expense) to another training site in Minnesota approximately 12 to 18 months after entering on duty. Candidates are required to sign a mobility agreement.

Selected candidates will be given a two-year, full-time position under the USDA Career Intern Program with full benefits. At the end of the two-year period, successful employees may be placed in career or career-conditional positions with the agency. Selected candidates will be placed at the federal GS-5, GS-7, or GS-9 pay grades depending upon education and experience. Nationwide pay charts are available at <http://www.opm.gov/oca/08tables/index.asp>.

Additional information about NRCS and its programs can be found at <http://www.mn.nrcs.usda.gov>.

Questions about these positions can be directed to Gloria Larson, Human Resources Officer (651) 602-7902, gloria.larson@mn.usda.gov or Germil Lewis, Human Resources Assistant (651) 602-7898, germil.lewis@mn.usda.gov.

Application materials accompany this announcement. There is no closing date for this announcement. Candidates may be selected from the existing pool of candidates at any time.

Complete application packages are to be submitted to:

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